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IDAHO INDUSTRY HONORS IDAHO TEACHERS WITH 'INDEEDS' AWARD

BOISE – Two Idaho teachers who demonstrate the commitment to go above and beyond in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), will be honored at the Idaho Technology Council's "Idaho's Hall of Fame and Innovation Awards." This year's *Industry's Excellent Educators Dedicated to STEM* (INDEEDS) selections goes to two master teachers nominated by their home schools, and then evaluated and granted the recognition by some of Idaho's top industry leaders.

"Through the INDEEDS Award program, the State of Idaho works with industry partners to recognize teachers who create unique opportunities for students to not only experience the fun and excitement of science and STEM, but also learn how to apply lessons in real-world settings," said Scott Smith, Idaho State Department of Education's STEM Coordinator.

The 2014 INDEEDS distinguished teachers are:

- Amber McVey, Pepper Ridge Elementary, Boise, ID
- Dennis Zattiero, Caldwell High School, Caldwell, ID

The award was initiated by the Office of the Governor in 2000 and was sponsored by a group of industry leaders including the Micron Foundation, Idaho National Laboratory, AECOM -formerly URS/Washington Group, Hewlett-Packard, LCF Enterprises, and Idaho Power Company. In 2013, the award presentation was incorporated within the Idaho Technology Council's Hall of Fame and Innovation Awards event to further spotlight these outstanding educators. With support from the State Department of Education and Office of the State Board of Education, as well as the Discovery Center of Idaho, INDEEDS recognizes teachers for their efforts to link industry and the science, technology, engineering, and math agencies along with businesses of Idaho to the classroom and students.

As a thank you from the sponsors, each recipient is awarded \$2,000 with their school receiving an additional \$2,000 to use towards STEM initiatives in the school.

For more information, contact Idaho State Department of Education, STEM Coordinator, Scott Smith at SSmith@sde.idaho.gov.

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